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Rick Boucher
9th District
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House of Representatives

May 20, 1997

Mr. John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Boucher for Congress
Identification Number: C00178418
30 Day Post-General Report (10-17-96 - 11-25-96)

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Thank you for your letter of May 16, 1997 concerning a \$4500.00 contribution from the AICPA Effective Legislation Committee (check #022007) received by the Boucher for Congress committee on October 21, 1996.

After researching the matter, I have found that although the Boucher for Congress Committee received the contribution mentioned above, it was returned to the AICPA on October 23, 1996 per the AICPA's request after the Committee discovered that the political action committee had exceeded its contribution limit. I am enclosing a copy of my records from that time.

If necessary, I can also provide you with a copy of the Committee's deposit records for that particular time period in an effort to further demonstrate that the Committee never deposited the check. Also, I would be happy to contact the AICPA for verification that the check was indeed returned to them as requested. The FEC's own records (reports filed by the AICPA Effective Legislation Committee) also will verify that the only contribution received by the Boucher for Congress committee during this period was a \$1500.00 (check #022131) contribution which was received and reported by 48 Hour Notice on October 31, 1996.

I would like to add that I remember calling the FEC to ask what I should do since I had reported it on a 48 hour notice but in the end had to return the check. I was advised simply to not report it on the next report since it was never actually deposited.

In my effort to zealously report all contributions which fall under the 48 Hour rule, I inadvertently caused this confusion. I apologize to the Commission, and I can assure you that the Committee has instituted procedures to ensure that this particular problem does not happen in the future. Specifically, all contributions received will first be reviewed to determine if they are allowable before they are reported to the FEC on a 48 Hour Notice. Again, please accept my apology.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to give me a call at (540)628-9540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deidre S. Goldsmith".
Deidre S. "Dede" Goldsmith
Assistant Treasurer

Enclosures

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